Weekly Bulletin

May 3, 2026

Sunday of the Paralytic

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SUNDAY	**MAY 3**
8:15 a.m.	Orthros
9:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy (Sunday School following Holy Communion)
Memorials:	Fr William Chiganos, Kay (Ekaterini) Bobis, Helen (Eleni) Bobis, Efstratios Kripintiris
Fellowship Hour:	In Loving Memory of Father Bill, hosted by the Parish Council
40 Day Blessing:	Kristina Clark with daughter, Eleanor; Emily Clark with daughter, Addison
12:00 p.m.	Parish Assembly Meeting
2:30 p.m.	Wedding: Jalissa Vargas and Josef Calzante Sponsor: Nicholas Calzante
TUESDAY	**MAY 5**
4:30 p.m.	Greek School
6:30 p.m.	GOYA/Jr GOYA End of Year BBQ
7:00 p.m.	Philoptochos Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	**MAY 6**
4:00 p.m.	Ellinomatheia
THURSDAY	**MAY 7**
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
4:30 p.m.	Greek School
5:30 p.m.	Greek School PTO Meeting and Elections
6:00 p.m.	IOCC Chicago Grand Banquet
7:30 p.m.	YAL Bible Study
SATURDAY	**MAY 9**
5:00 p.m.	Vespers

Epistle Reading: Acts 9:32 - 42 **Reader: Ellie Markos**
Gospel Reading: John 5:1 - 15

Fr. George and Fr. Nicholas will be attending the Metropolis Clergy Retreat this week. They will be gone Monday through Wednesday, and will return on Thursday.

PushPay is our new electronic payment system, parishioner database and communications platform: All electronic payments made to the church will go through PushPay now, including candles, tray donations, stewardship, and more with one time or recurring payment options available. It will initially require your name, email and phone number. Future payments will only require your phone number for security purposes. More features will be unveiled in the near future.

****If you currently have recurring payments made to the church, you will be receiving an email to switch your payments over to the PushPay system. The church office staff will take care of stopping the current payments.****

If you have any questions about these communications, please reach out to the office: office@holyapostleschurch.com.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον. Ἦχος γ ´.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐῤῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Efrenéstho ta uránia, agalliástho ta epíyia, óti epíise krátos en vrahíoni aftú, o Kýrios. epátise to thanáto ton thánaton; protótokos ton nekrón egéneto; ek kilías ádou errýsato imás, ke paréshe to kósmo to méga éleos.

The Epistle – Acts 9:32 - 42

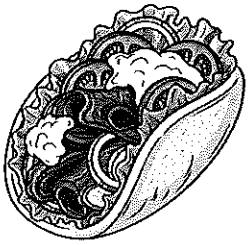
In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means gazelle. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which she made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Gospel – John 5:1 - 15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Sign up Deadline extended for Junior Olympics extended to May 3 at midnight! For those who are not familiar, this is a Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago event that occurs over the **Memorial Day weekend**, with competition opportunities for kids aged 7-18 ranging from team sports, individual sports, and board games. Please sign up here! Reach out to the athletic director with any questions at athletics@holyapostleschurch.com.

Jr GOYA and GOYA End of Season Greek BBQ May 5! All Jr GOYA and GOYA kids are invited to celebrate the end of the school year. There will be gyros and souvlakia to eat and DJ Yianni will be providing music for Greek dancing! Please RSVP to Alexa at youthdirector@holyapostleschurch.com.

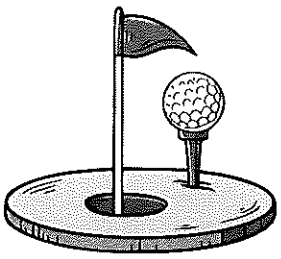


Poised for Success Clothing Drive: Philoptochos will be collecting new or gently used professional/business casual clothing **May 3-17** for Poised for Success. We are accepting dresses, pant suits, blazers, cardigans, pants, blouses, jewelry, handbags, shoes, belts and winter items (coats, scarves, gloves). ALL ITEMS MUST BE CLEAN, IN NEW CONDITION AND ON HANGERS.

34th Annual IOCC Chicago Grand Banquet: We have **4 seats available** for the Holy Apostles table for this fundraiser! It will take place on Thursday, May 7 at the Empress Banquets (200 E. Lake Street, Addison, IL 60101). Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join our table, please write a check to Holy Apostles for $125 per person. Contact the office with questions: office@holyapostleschurch.com.

Feed the Hungry: On Monday, May 11th at 3:00 pm we will be preparing sack lunches in the multipurpose room at church. We will distribute the lunches the following day on Tuesday, May 12th at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago. If you are interested in helping out either day, please contact (call or text) Anne Theophilos at 630-460-0712.

Save The Date for the Holy Apostles Annual Golf Outing! It will be held at the Seven Bridges Golf Club on Monday, July 13, 2026. The shotgun start is 12:30 pm. The event will include lunch, 18 holes of golf with a cart and post-round dinner reception. Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you have any questions, please contact Aleka Ernst at alekaernst@aol.com or 630-561-1660.



Attention High School Seniors: The Faith Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism is offering merit based scholarships for high school seniors in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community who are enrolling in a 4 year accredited U.S. university this fall. Applications are due June 26, 2026. For more information, please scan the QR code on the **right**.

HOLY APOSTLES

GROUP OUTING TO

GREEK
HERITAGE NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 11th, 6:40PM

CHICAGO WHITE SOX **VS** ATLANTA BRAVES

AT GUARANTEED RATE FIELD

$25 PER SEAT IN SECTION 109	$20 PARKING SPOT IN RED LOT

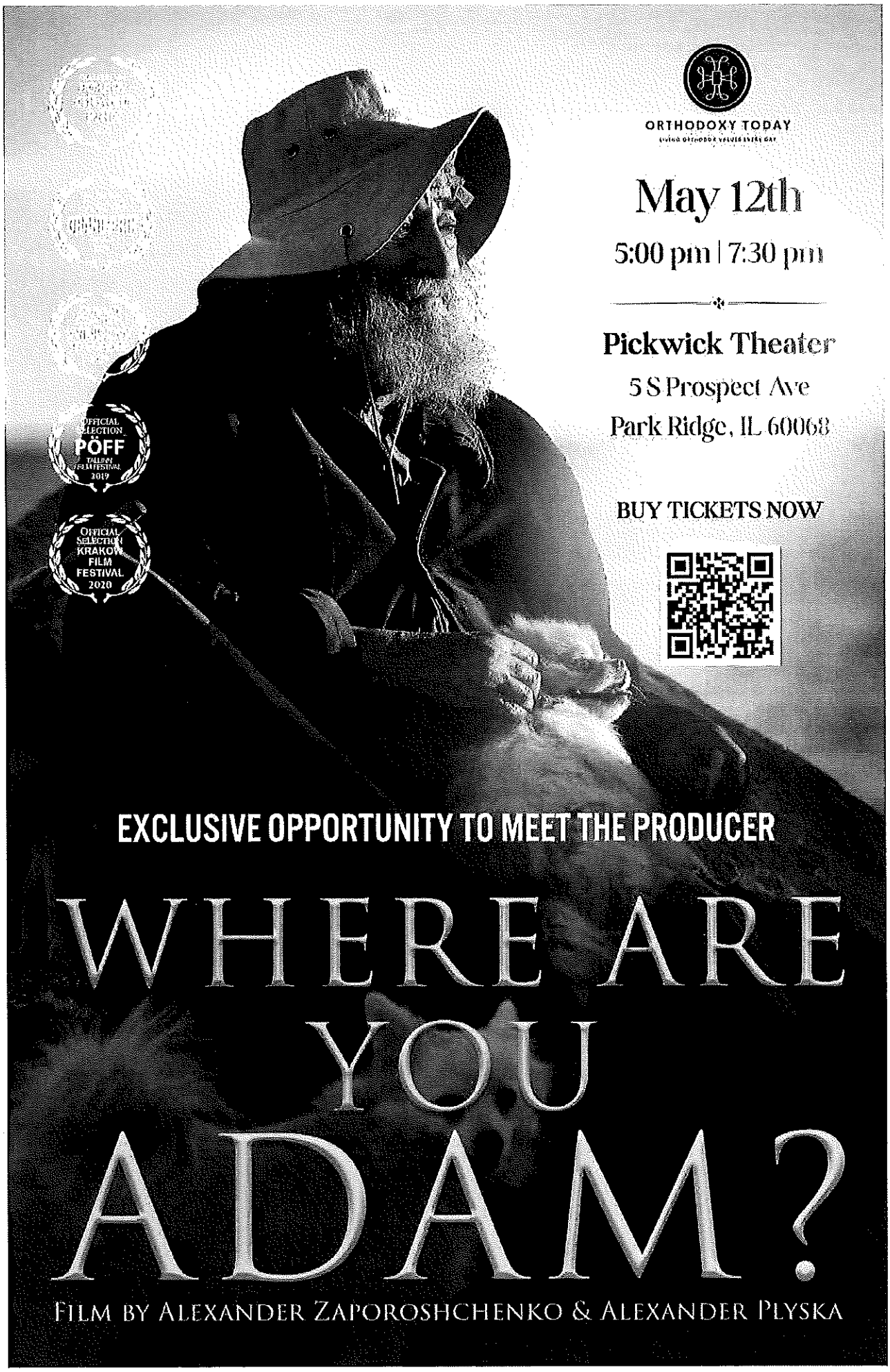
EACH TICKET COMES WITH A FREE JERSEY!

LIMITED TICKETS TO SIT TOGETHER AVAILABLE, PURCHASE ASAP!
TICKET PURCHASING DEADLINE ON MAY 8th

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE OR THE LINK IN YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL

QUESTIONS? EMAIL PARISHFAMILY@HOLYAPOSTLESCHURCH.COM

ALL TICKETS WILL BE DELIVERED DIGITALLY AND TICKET HOLDERS WILL USE APPLE WALLET OR GOOGLE PAY TO REDEEM TICKETS AT THE STADIUM


ORTHODOXY TODAY
May 12th
5:00 pm | 7:30 pm
Pickwick Theater
5 S Prospect Ave
Park Ridge, IL 60068
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Please join us for our

Philoptochos General Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:30 pm
Holy Apostles - Multi-purpose Room
Refreshments & Appetizers will be served

Special Guest Speaker -
Nancy Shepherd, Love Your Neighbor

www.loveyourneighbor.love

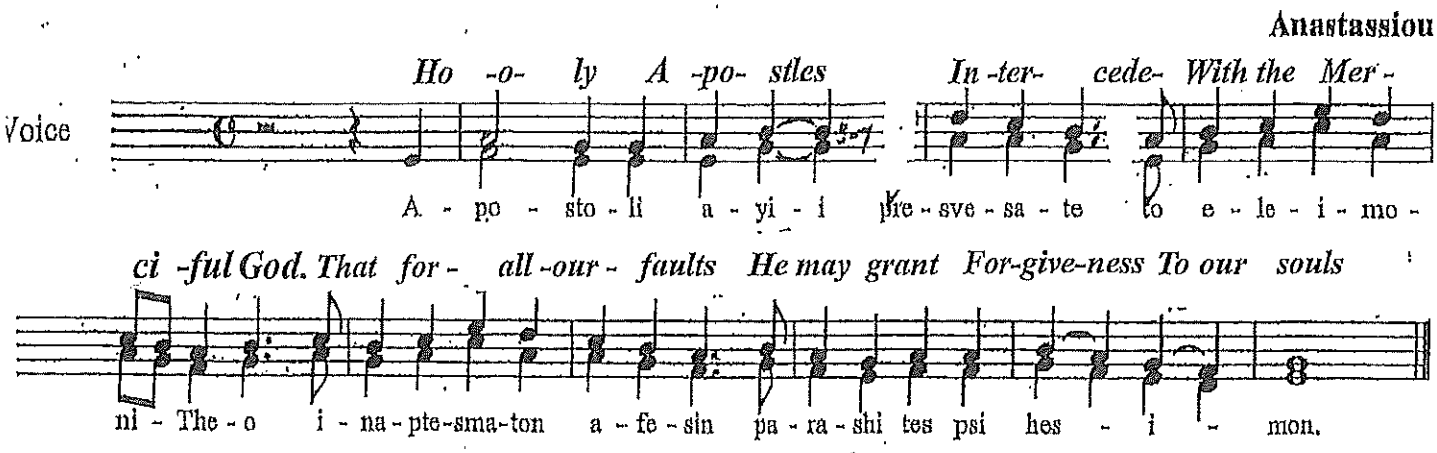
Love Your Neighbor is a non-profit organization that transforms and restores the lives of those transitioning out of hard circumstances. Local non- profits refer individuals and families to the program who assist in furnishing/setting up new homes for these people in need

Please RSVP by 5/15 to Aleka Ernst
philotreasurer@holyapostleschurch.com
or (630) 561-1660

O Monoyenis Yios – Hymn of Justinian

Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal.
You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the
Holy Theotokos and ever virgin Mary, and without change became man.
Christ our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death.
Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit.
Save Us.

Apostoli Agii



Sermon Notes

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